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Unearthed Bethsaida Artifacts on Display at UNO

By Jackie McGill

An exhibition of artifacts uncovered at archaeological digs in the Israeli cities of Bethsaida and Jerusalem is on display at UNO's Student Center until April 21.

"Cities of David: From Bethsaida to Jerusalem" includes more than 60 artifacts dating back some 3,000 years. The artifacts will be on display from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The artifacts will be displayed on the south side, first floor of the Student Center.

More than 4,000 people are expected to view the exhibit while it's in Omaha, said Wendi Chiarbos, UNO student and project coordinator.

"It's an amazingly unique thing for UNO to have," Chiarbos, who went on her first dig last year, said.

The exhibit is divided into five different areas of classification: fishing implements; the house of the Roman patrician-the wine cellar; gods, goddesses and minor deities figurines; palace wares; and Hellenistic and Roman finds.

"The exhibit is truly unique and just in time for the celebration of the 3,000 year anniversary of Jerusalem and Bethsaida," said Richard Freund, project director and professor in the department of philosophy and religion.

The ancient city of Bethsaida was a crossroads for commerce between Mesopotamia and Egypt. It was a multicultural urban center and home to the apostles Peter, Andrew and Phillip. Bethsaida is where the Bible says Jesus healed the blind man, fed the multitudes and walked on water.

The city was abandoned in AD 363 following a major earthquake, Freund said. The location of the city was lost until the modern period and was never positively identified, Chiarbos said.

It remained buried until 1987 when Rami Arav, of the international studies department and a leading Israeli archaeologist, began excavations to determine the location of the ancient city.

In 1989, the State of Israel placed the official location of Bethsaida on national maps.

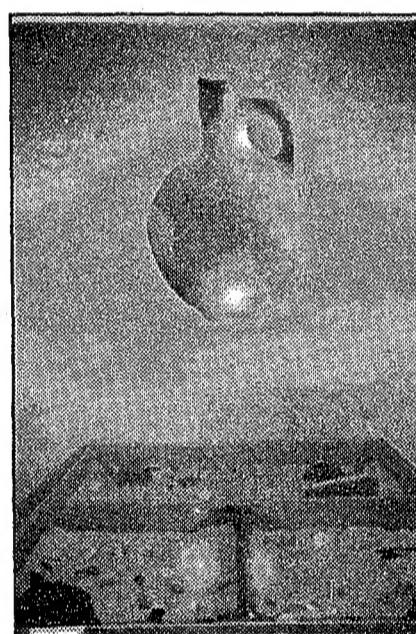
In 1991, Chiarbos said, Freund became interested in having an archaeological dig as something UNO could take

part in. He founded the Bethsaida Excavations Project, which is an international consortium of faculty directors and staff from various institutions, including Michigan State University, Rocky Mountain College and the University of Munich.

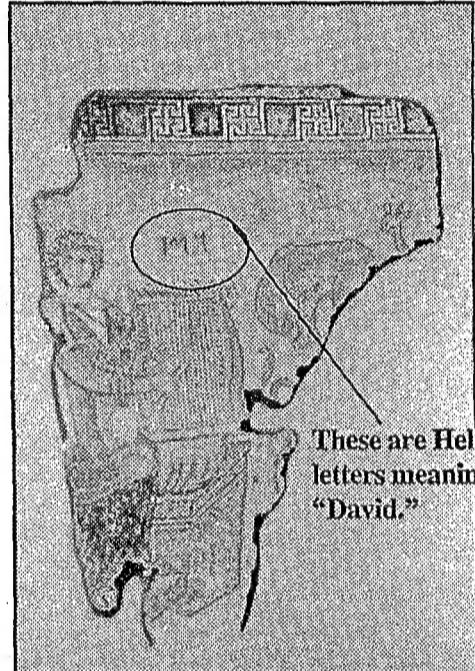
The project is housed at UNO, Freund said, which means anything related to the dig is coordinated through the university.

"In addition to the artifacts excavated at Bethsaida, we have received another 30 antiquities on loan from Bade Archaeological Museum in Berkeley, Calif.," Freund said.

The display will be shown at the Jewish Community Center from April 23-May 20 and at the Peter Kiewit Conference Center from May 23-June 19.



—Anne Schmidt



These are Hebrew letters meaning "David."

—Anne Schmidt

The above is a re-creation of a mosaic found at Tel Dan, Israel. It is the only unearthed archaeological artifact with a Biblical name on it.

The photo at left is of a restored Iron Age pitcher from the Temple and Palace complex at Bethsaida.

Crime Prevention is Law Enforcement Key, Candidate Davis Tells UNO Class

By Paula B. Seevers

Democratic congressional hopeful James Martin Davis stressed the need for crime prevention rather than punishment to a criminal justice class Wednesday morning at UNO.

A former special agent for the U.S. Secret Service, Davis is now a trial attorney in Omaha.

Having spent 26 years working within the criminal justice system, Davis said one of the main concerns of law enforcement is crime prevention.

There are two schools of thought, Davis said. We can wait for crimes to be committed, lock up violators and impose long sentences; or we can try to deter crime before it happens.

Are stiff penalties a deterrent? Davis said he tells people who believe this to "dream on."

"Criminals do not have a clue what the penalties are. They don't care," Davis said. Penalties don't deter crime, if they did, the death penalty would have eliminated murder.

"I'm all for prosecuting criminals," Davis said.

But the best thing is to try and prevent crimes before they happen. This is what law enforcement is about, protecting and serving. Law enforcement is a dangerous job and law enforcement officials have great respect for weapons, Davis said.

While serving in Vietnam, Davis said, he used assault weapons. However, no one has ever been able to tell him when, how



James Martin Davis

“Criminals do not have a clue what the penalties are. They don’t care.”

—Attorney James Martin Davis speaking to a UNO criminal justice class.

or why a private individual would need an assault weapon.

Davis said that weapons like the AK47, SKS, or M16 fire 10-30 rounds of ammunition, "spraying an area with lots of fire power." Police are unable to "lay down suppressing fire" against an assault weapon. In other words, there is virtually no way to defend yourself against such a weapon with the handguns that law enforcement officials carry.

When asked if gun laws make a difference, Davis said the idea is to cut down on the availability of weapons. If assault weapons are legal they can be mass produced and it just puts more of them out there. If you cut down on the number of guns, then the number of crimes will decrease.

He also said the Brady Bill, which requires a five day waiting period before a purchased gun can be obtained, cuts down crimes of passion. Murders committed in the heat of anger, he said, happen all the time. Davis quoted his 1982 book, *Raids*, about planning and executing police raids: "Law enforcement is not a

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OPINIONS, EDITORIALS AND LETTERS

Distasteful Column

Dear Editor,

I think that it is distasteful for Marylynne Ziembra to join Omaha criminal defense attorney James Martin Davis in making a political issue out of the tragic death of Omaha Police Officer Jimmy Wilson Jr. I quote Jimmy Wilson Sr. who said in the *Omaha World-Herald* last Saturday: "I am appalled that anyone would use my son's murder for his own political gain...If the gun ban worked, my son would be with us today." I am disgusted with this irresponsible journalism on the part of Ms. Ziembra, and I know that I am not alone.

Danielle Jensen
Speaker of the UNO Student Senate



Media Let Clinton Get Away With Terrorist Hypocrisy

Louis Farrakhan has been getting a lot of bad press lately and I believe it has been totally justified.

You see, Farrakhan recently took a trip to Africa and the Middle East where he courted with American nemesis Col. Moammar Gadhafi of Libya and basically bad mouthed the U.S. in foreign countries that would have imprisoned him if he had done the same thing to them.

Farrakhan has been giving aid and comfort to the people and institutions behind state sponsored terrorism, and that, folks, is morally reprehensible.

But I am not here to shake my finger at Farrakhan, since the national news media has done plenty of that already. I am here, however, to shake my finger at the national news media for not bringing to the nation's attention one of the worst supporters of terrorism in this country, President Bill Clinton.

Oh, I know. We've all seen Clinton on television telling the American people he thinks terrorists are evil and we should do everything within our power to lessen support for them and their evil activities.

But if that is what Clinton says he believes, one has to wonder why he makes life easier for some of the biggest terrorist leaders and organizations in the world.

For example, during the week of St. Patrick's Day, Clinton attended a conference against terrorism held in Sharm El-Sheik, Egypt and shook his finger at terrorists around the world for the cameras.

However, he allowed the state department to grant an entry visa (for the second time in his presidency) to the political mouthpiece of

one of the world's worst terrorist groups, Gerry Adams of Sinn Finn, the political wing of the Irish Republican Army.

Adams was seen marching along in New York City's St. Patrick's Day parade. Adams was surely also here to gather emotional and financial support for the IRA and its war against what it sees as oppressive British control.

Adams wants the world to think he is a peacemaker. The voice of reason in these troubled times in Britain. But Sinn Finn and the IRA are brothers in a campaign of terrorism.

And Clinton just let him waltz right down Fifth Avenue.

And the national new media barely whispered.

Need more proof of Clinton's terroristic ties? How about China?

Clinton has chosen to continue the policy from the Bush Administration of granting Most Favored Nation trade status to the People's Republic of China, a cowardly act by both presidents.

By granting MFN to China, we give the Chinese an economic advantage on the world trade market that most countries do not have.

And why are we so nice to China? It could have something to do with its 1.1 billion citizens to whom we would like to sell our goods.

So, how is China involved in terrorism,

you ask?

Let's start with its recent war games off the coast of Taiwan.

The Chinese Military conducted live-fire exercises off the coast of the Island last week in attempt to sway Taiwanese voters in their

presidential election-terrorism on its largest scale.

Then there was the little matter of the Tiananmen Square uprising that we all watched get crushed live on CNN.

China has an abysmal record on human rights.

They censor free speech, limit the family sizes of their citizens, perform mandatory abortions on women and imprison anyone who dares to shake their finger at the government.

Yet the Clinton administration has said that it will not try to use any economic or trade restrictions like withholding MFN from China in order to put pressure on that nation to clean up its human rights record. (At least Bush made a feeble attempt to link MFN to human rights with China.)

Clinton took a weak stance against terrorism and proceeded to kick the legs out from under it.

But during last week's Taiwanese elections, when China was pointing a loaded gun

at its island neighbor, did Clinton do anything to make China stop?

Well, he sent two aircraft carrier battle groups toward Taiwan. But the Chinese recognized this for the hollow threat it was (two carrier battle groups are not enough to curb the tide of even the antiquated Chinese military) and proceeded on with its war games.

My final example of Clinton's easy going attitude toward terrorism was the shipment of arms to Pakistan that the Clinton Administration recently okayed.

Pakistan is and has been building a stockpile of nuclear weapons during the past decade. Recently that country bought equipment from China that can be used to enrich low-grade uranium to weapons-grade uranium.

If you don't think the proliferation of nuclear arms in Pakistan is a form of terrorism, maybe you should ask Pakistan's neighbors.

So, what could Clinton have done?

Well, he could have held up the weapons shipment until Pakistan agreed to dismantle its nuclear weapons program. He could have told the Pakistanis that they can not buy weapons from the U.S. until signing a non-proliferation treaty.

But instead, he okayed the shipment of weapons because, well, Pakistan had already paid for the goods. (Doesn't anyone in the Clinton Administration know the meaning of the phrase "refund the money")?

So, folks, when you see the national news media picking on someone like Louis Farrakhan for shaking hands with terrorists, just ask yourself, "Couldn't they find someone more their own size to pick on?"

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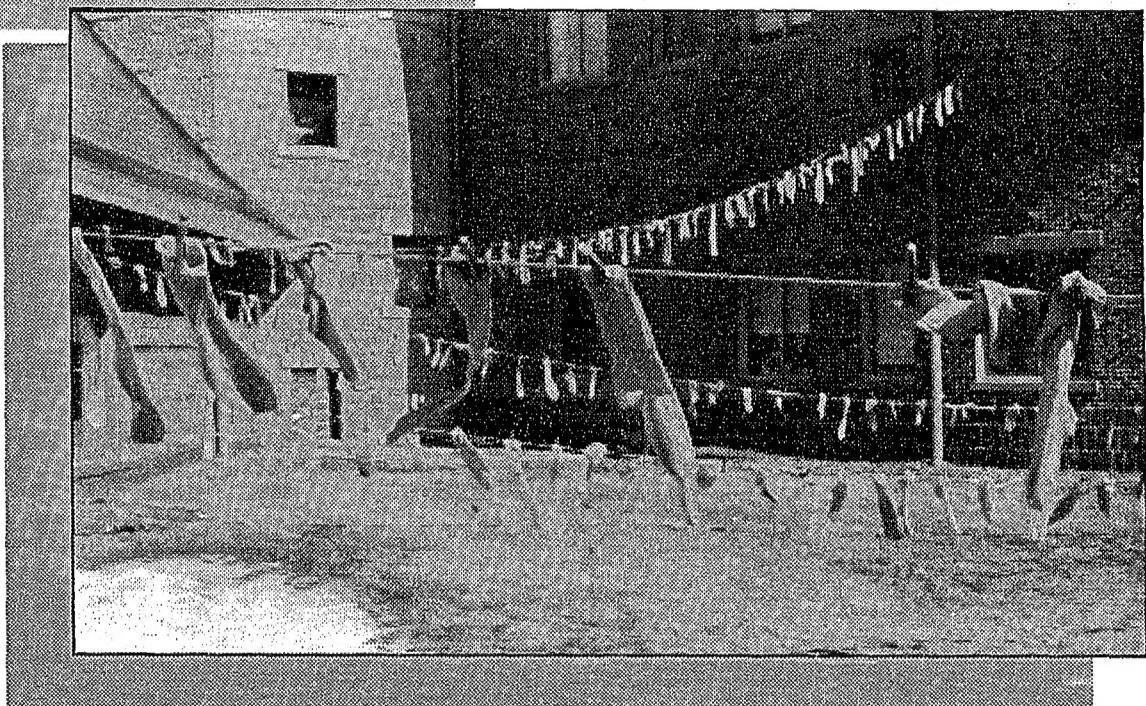
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New Art Exhibits Opening at UNO

"The Fischer Person," pictured left, is an artwork by Calvin Banks being displayed as part of a student exhibit in the Fine Arts Building Gallery.



"Sockyards (Ramona Sutton)," pictured right, is a collaborative artwork exhibit by Mike Schief and Nancy Kelly being displayed near the Fine Arts Building.

NEWS BITS

Noon Challenge at Bell Tower

Participants are needed for the second annual "Bell Tower Challenge at High Noon" on Thursday, April 11.

Teams of students, faculty and students will have from the first chime of the Bell Tower's noon toll until the twelfth chime to stack as many cans of food as possible in a 18 inch by 18 inch space.

The event is sponsored by Eta Sigma Gamma, UNO's health science honorary society, and the Student Alcohol Education Organization.

All of the canned food brought to the Bell Tower will be presented to the Omaha Food Bank at the end of the contest. Over 500 cans were collected at last year's event.

Plaques will awarded for the largest total of cans stacked, most creative display and most enthusiastic organization.

There is no entry fee and the event is open to any organization or group of individuals comprised of students, faculty and staff.

The deadline to register for the event is April 5. For more information, contact Michele Merrill at 554-2670 or Jeff Kuhr at 554-3171.

Shakespeare Festival Offers Educational Opportunities

The Nebraska Shakespeare Festival announces several educational opportunities in connection with its festival held every summer at UNO:

*A stage combat course, taught by sport fencer Terry Doughman and using replica medieval weapons, is being offered to graduate and undergraduate students, high school seniors and members of the community for college credit through Creighton University and UNO. It will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 p.m. to 10:05 p.m. on the UNO campus. Current college students can register until April 2, while non students can register April 3 through May 6.

*Interns are needed for the Shakespeare on the Green festival. There about 30 internships available to graduate and undergraduate students, graduating high school seniors, high school teachers and the community. College credit is available through Creighton University and UNO.

*Camp Shakespeare is a two-week workshop that provides a participatory study of the text that culminates in a performance during the "green show" of the Shakespeare on the Green festival. There are sections for high school, junior high and elementary students.

Call Mike Markey at 280-2391 for more information on these programs.

Thayer to Speak at UNO

Helen Thayer, the first woman to travel alone to the North Pole, will speak at UNO on Tuesday, April 9 at 7 p.m. in the Student Center ballroom.

The lecture, sponsored by the UNO Women's Studies program in conjunction with the Women's Resource Center, the geography/geology department, the College of Education, and Campus Recreation, is free and open to the public.

Musical Performances

The department of music in the College of Fine Arts has announced two upcoming musical performances.

Saxophonist Chris Ahl, who is an instructor in the department of music at UNO, will perform in the Recital Hall of the Strauss Performing Arts Center Wednesday, April 3 at 7:30 p.m. His performance will include major classical saxophone works.

On Friday, April 5, Vibraphonist Steve Rehbein will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the Strauss Performing Arts Center. Dr. Rehbein is coordinator of jazz studies and percussion, and assistant director of bands at UNO.

Tickets for both shows are \$5 for general admission, \$4 for senior citizens and children, and is free to all UNO faculty, staff, and students.

Leold by Roger & Salem Saloom

I think I've found a cure for some of these deadly infectious diseases. Follow me closely on this.

When germs go into our bodies they are not reading books. They are eating.

They're eating us. Maybe on Wednesday they all gather 'round the liver, then on the following Monday they start on the lungs...

What if we offered them something else to eat?...hee. We lure them out of the body with an offer of... let's say.....hamburgers.... teeny weeny hamburgers.... with infinitesimally small pickles.

When they come out, we throw 'em on the floor and step on 'em. I haven't worked out all the details yet, but I feel very good about the basic concept.



AmeriCorps Cuts Costs

By College Press Service

WASHINGTON—The AmeriCorps national-service program will undergo cost-cutting changes in an effort to save the program from elimination, the program's head has announced.

Harris Wofford, chief of the Corporation for National Service, agreed to slash the average amount spent on each participant, from \$27,000 to \$17,000. He also promised to cut administrative costs and raise more funds from private sources.

AmeriCorps, the domestic equivalent of the Peace Corps, allows students to earn money for college by working in communities. The 2-year-old program—a favorite of President Clinton's—has been under fire from Republicans in Congress, particularly since a General Accounting Office audit last fall criticized the program as too costly.

But Wofford's announcement drew the support of Sen. Charles E. Grassley, an Iowa Republican who once called the program "an outrageous cost to taxpayers." He agreed to endorse the Senate appropriations committee's recommendation to provide \$383 million for the national service program for fiscal year 1996.

"Above all, I want tax dollars to be spent wisely so that the maximum number of young people can get money for college through this program," Grassley said.

Wofford said he hoped the national service program could "play an effective, non-bureaucratic role in solving social problems."

More than 25,000 AmeriCorps members are earning money for college in 438 communities. Among other services, AmeriCorps participants patrol streets, tutor high-risk youth and build affordable housing.

Government Bans Imports of 'Roofies' Drug

By College Press Service

WASHINGTON—U.S. officials have banned imports of the sedative Rohypnol, an illegal drug commonly used by some college students to get a quick high from alcohol and marijuana.

Also known as "roofies," the drug is 10 times stronger than Valium and has been connected to several cases of date rape, especially in Florida and Texas.

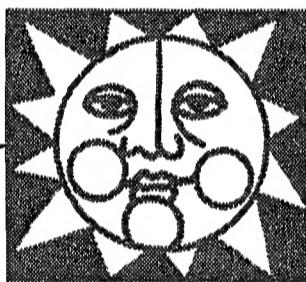
"Rohypnol is an emerging threat," U.S. Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin said at a news conference in early March. "We will no longer permit the drug to enter the country."

The drug is sold over-the-counter in Mexico, South America, Europe and Asia, where it is often used to treat insomnia. Food and Drug Administration officials said there was no therapeutic need for the drug in the U.S. because other sedatives are legally available.

Rohypnol causes muscle relaxation and rapid sleep onset that can last for eight hours. Exceeded dosage has been known to slow the body down so much that a person forgets to breathe.

In the past year, at least 10 women at the University of Florida have notified campus police after the drug was slipped into their drink, usually at parties. One student reported being told in the morning that five men had slept with her, a UF police spokeswoman said.

Officials said attempts to smuggle the drug into the United States would be treated the same as any other illegal substance, such as cocaine and heroin.



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Florida Students Register For Classes, To Vote, At One Stop

By College Press Service

TALLAHASSEE—Linda Reale was struck by how many of her classmates weren't voting when she helped campaign for a Florida Senate candidate last year.

Her candidate lobbied for votes by knocking on doors, working the crowds at community functions and shaking a lot of hands. But when it came to one huge group of potential voters, the campaign trail hit a dead end. "We didn't go to the students," says the University of Central Florida junior.

Even though she is a registered voter, Reale can understand why a candidate wouldn't waste the time or money to make the rounds on college campuses.

"We looked at the breakdown from the voter registration office [of previous elections]," she recalled. "Students weren't in the variable at all."

In an effort to reach Florida's two million students, a student lobby group, the Florida Student Association, is pushing for state legislation that would allow students to register to vote when they register for classes.

The proposal, called Register Once, is modeled after the National Voter Registration Act or "motor voter" law, which allows people to fill out voter registration forms when they obtain or renew a driver's license or visit another state government office. Since going into effect a year ago, the law has swelled the ranks of Florida voters by about a million people.

Though successful, the "motor voter" law still fails to reach the college-age voters, Reale, who interns for the Florida Student Association, said. Most students obtain their driver's license at 16, two years before the voting age, then may wait six years before renewing it. By then, "they're not students anymore," she said.

Requiring universities to provide voter registration forms to a traditionally apathetic voting population makes sense to Sharon Pacheco, the group's executive director.

"Since colleges are institutions of higher learning [that promote academics] we feel it should be just as important to promote voter registration," she said.

As part of its Register Once campaign, the group provides election numbers that illustrate the meager voter turnout on college campuses. For instance, in the 1992 presidential elections, only about half of college-age students were even registered

to vote, and only 43 percent of that number actually voted. By contrast, in the 45-to 65-year-old age group, about three-quarters were registered to vote, and 70 percent of that number actually cast ballots in the election.

Although the numbers might indicate such, college students are not slackers who could care less about who's running the nation, Pacheco said.

"We really oppose that label 'Generation X,'" she said, referring to the self-indulgent, indifferent stereotype of college students and twenty-somethings. "We want to be the generation of the future leaders of America."

The low voter turnout more likely stems from the fact that students leave the nurturing environment of their parents' house and move directly into the controlled world of the university.

"College doesn't really depict an arena of self-responsibility," she said. "[You're told] what classes to take. Instruction is always given. There is nothing about citizenship... think about that. There is no classroom instruction [about how] you are a citizen and you have responsibility."

The proposal has enjoyed a strong bipartisan backing in the Florida House and Senate. Although the bill's sponsor in both houses is a Democrat, the group has begun lobbying interested Republican lawmakers to sign on as co-sponsors, Pacheco said.

"We want it to be recognized as good policy by both parties," she said.

The group hopes to have voter registration forms available at state universities in time for the spring 1997 registration for classes. After that, they plan to make forms available at private colleges, community colleges and technical schools.

Reale said the proposal would "create one more level of access for students" and help stimulate students to become more politically aware.

Most students don't realize how much they are affected by political issues, she said. Even when that issue is their own school's tuition, which is determined by state lawmakers, "I don't think the connection is being made," she said.

"It is essential for students to start [thinking] that they are citizens in addition to being students."

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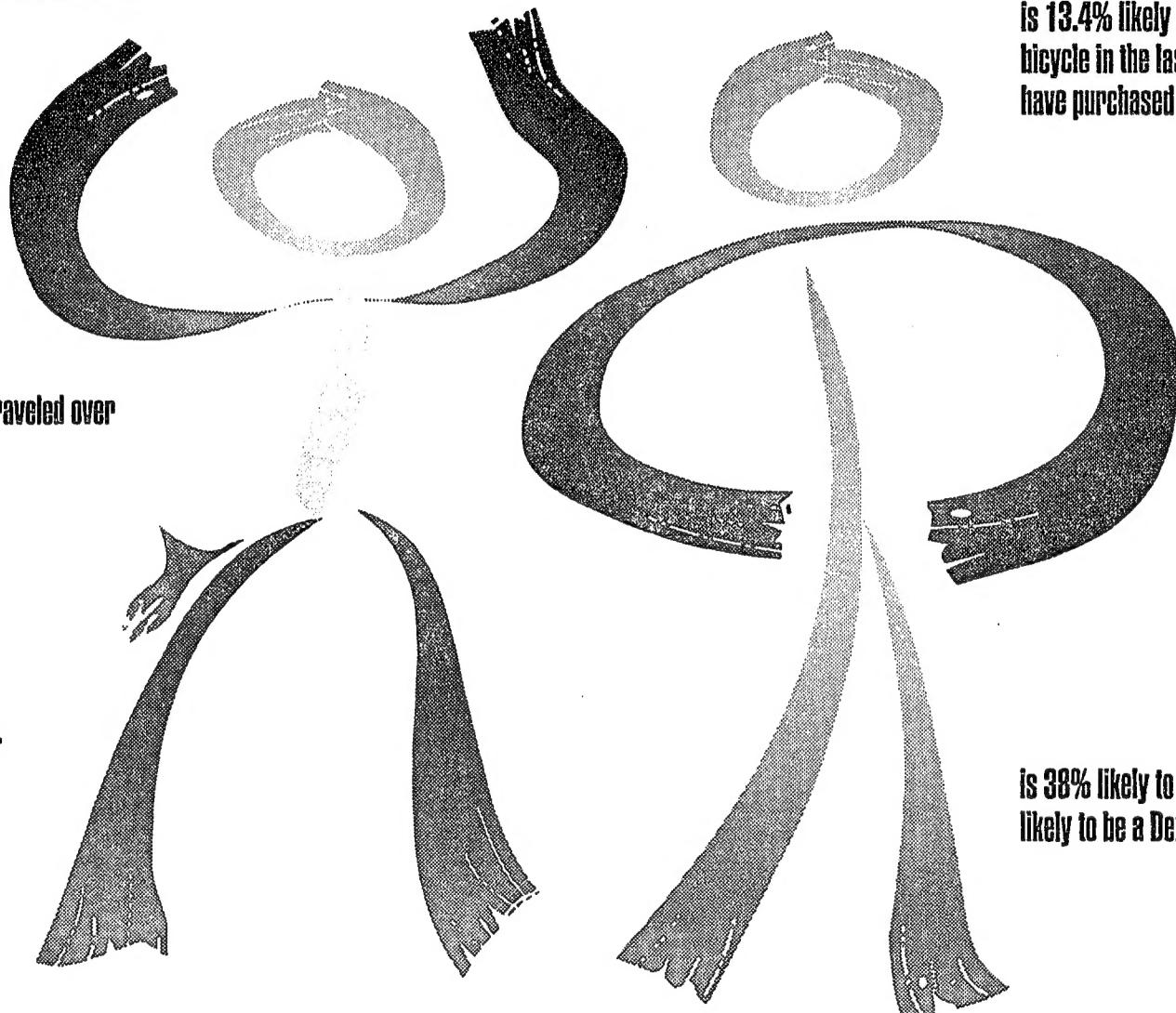
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The Average* UNO Student

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is 42.2% likely to have purchased eyeglasses or contacts.

is 42.8% likely to consider themselves moderate, 31.9% likely to consider themselves conservative, and 21.1% likely to consider themselves liberal.

*As determined by the *Gateway*'s Readership Survey taken during the fall semester of 1995. The telephone survey, developed by professors Mike Hilt and Jeremy Lipschultz and the November 1995 communication research class, polled 313 UNO students.

Graduate Students Struggle With Increasing Debt

By College Press Service

LAWRENCE, Kan.—Mark S. Luce poetically describes his student loan as a "golden time bomb."

"It's great to have the gold because it allows you to stay in school," explains the graduate student in American studies at the University of Kansas. "But eventually, no matter how much you defer or forbear, that bomb is going to go off."

Like a growing number of graduate students who choose to finance the increasingly high cost of education through student loans, Luce will graduate from UK this August with a master's degree and a pile of debt—in his case, about \$31,000 worth.

Shelling It Out

Even before he receives his diploma, he will start shelling out roughly \$400 each month to pay off the loans. He plans to do so each month for the next 10 years, slowly chipping away at the \$23,000 in loans he borrowed for graduate school, and the \$7,000 loan for his undergraduate education.

"Frankly, the situation scares the hell out of me," says Luce, who hopes to get a teaching job. "I am talented, I have a solid resume and have performed very well academically, but that does not guarantee me a job that will pay enough money to survive and not default."

For Luce, and countless other like him, paying for graduate school has become as much of a challenge as getting accepted. Between 1993 and 1994, the volume of government loans made to graduates increased by a mind-boggling 47 percent, according to American Council of Education research.

The council attributes the explosive growth to the 1992 Higher Education Amendments, which expanded the federal student loan program and allowed more students to borrow even larger sums of money. But the council is troubled that the increase in the amount loaned by students has not been

matched by fatter starting salaries.

"Kids are borrowing more and more and more," said Fred J. Galloway, the council's director of federal policy analysis. "And their first jobs aren't paying more and more and more."

For example, the council's research reveals that between 1981 and 1994, the average debt owed by public medical school graduates increased from about \$18,000 to more than \$54,000, or by 206 percent. For private medical school graduates, the debt increased from about \$22,000 to nearly \$78,000, or by 248 percent.

Yet the average first-year stipend paid to hospital residents in that same period increased from \$17,641 to only \$29,632. While that's a 68 percent increase, the average med students' debt load continues to pile up.

The fact that tuition skyrocketed in the late 1980s is partly to blame. Confusion on the part of the student as to how much they are sinking into debt is another culprit, the council found.

"There's not much sophistication among student borrowers," Galloway said.

Frequently Asked Questions

Although often compared to families who take out mortgages, student borrowers often leave school without a clear idea of what they've gotten themselves into, as evidenced by the council's study of the most frequently asked questions by borrowers to two major student loan companies.

They include:

- "You mean I have to pay interest on my student loan?"
- "Do I have to pay you every month?"
- "I didn't know I had to request a deferral."
- "What does 'unsubsidized'" mean?"

To combat the confusion, some loan companies, such as private educational lender KeyCorps, have begun urging student bor-

rowers to consider their future earnings before going into debt.

Kevin G. Boyer, executive director of the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students, said he agrees that students should not be shocked when they graduate and discover they owe sometimes more than \$80,000.

"We're highly concerned about increasing debt," he said. His organization advises students to weigh their earning potential heavily when contemplating the price of graduate school. "To take on a large debt... without any expectation of net return is not very smart," he said.

Public vs. Private

Students also need to compare the tuition of public schools with that of more expensive, often more highly ranked private schools, he said.

The U.S. News & Report recently released its seventh annual "America's Best Graduate Schools," a ranking of top programs as determined by surveys on faculty, test scores, reputation and other factors. Not surprisingly, private schools once again topped the list among the disciplines of law, medicine and business.

"In some fields, ranking of the schools makes a big difference," Boyer said. For instance, "America's Best Graduate Schools" lists the median starting salary of graduates from top-ranked Yale University law school at \$82,000. In comparison, lawyers with degrees from the state-run University of Washington, ranked 23rd, can expect an average starting salary of \$50,000.

Boyer advises students to begin researching graduate programs in their field early and to use many different resources, including the Internet, to find information on specific graduate programs.

At some point, students need to determine exactly how much they need to borrow, and then calculate what their monthly payment

will be to see if it's doable, Boyer said.

"Students should sit down with a financial aid officer or a friend who's an accountant or bookkeeper," he said. Also, students should consider which schools offer teaching assistant programs, and which offer tuition discounts for continuing students. "They really should think long-term."

Unfortunately, there are no set guidelines for students to follow when considering a number of graduate programs, Boyer said. "Everyone's situation and everyone's graduate school is different."

David Headrick, an attorney with a private law firm in Chicago, said he considered Harvard, Yale and Georgetown universities before deciding on law school at the state-run University of Minnesota—a considerably less expensive option. "Quite honestly, I based my decision on the numbers," he said.

Although he worked for a year before law school to save money, he still needed to take out a loan to help pay the \$3,200 tuition per semester at Minnesota. "Since it was well-rated and I did well, I got a good job," he said. "I made a big jump in income."

Now earning more than \$50,000 three years after graduation, Headrick is not finding it difficult to pay back his student loan. However, he has friends that aren't as fortunate—namely, friends who went to private law schools and must pay back as much as \$80,000, he said.

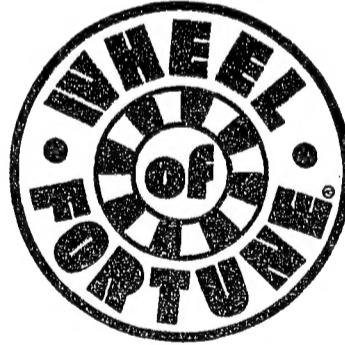
"The people from Harvard graduate with a lot of debt and pretty much the same salary," he said, basing his opinion on his own experience. "I'm not sure it represents such a big jump in salary."

No Fun

He has friends who are doctors that pay as much as \$1,500 each month to their student loan companies. "They're having no fun, even though they might have bigger sala-

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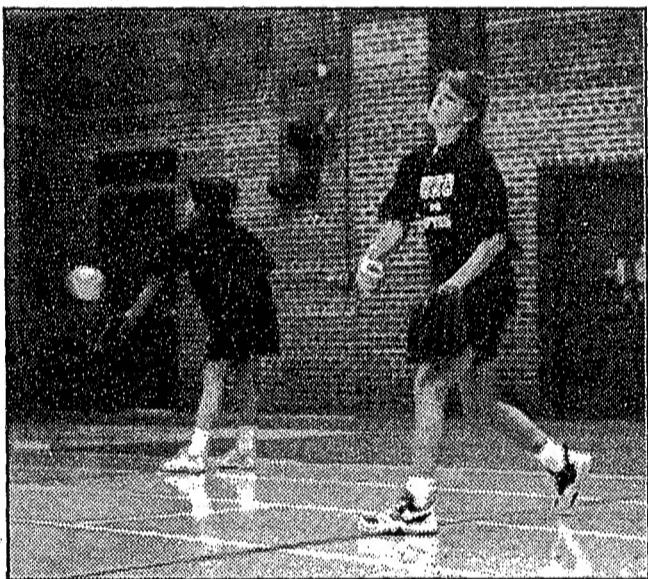
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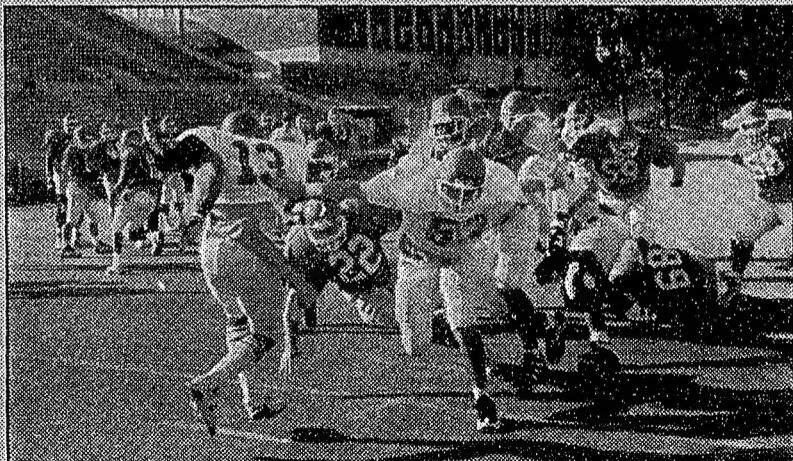
Overall 1996 Winners

January 1996	February 1996	March 1996
CARRI BUTLER Indoor Track	JOHN SKOKAN Men's Basketball	DENISE PETERSON Softball



The Lady Mavs' senior pitcher Denise Peterson, right, puts her arm to work during practice.

Mavs Get Early Start on Season



The UNO football team, pictured above, began spring practice last Tuesday. The turf on the football field is scheduled for replacement soon.

Peterson Leads Lady Mavs to No. 3 National Ranking

Pitcher named Gateway's Athlete of Month

By Tony Reinke

Lady Mav Softball Head Coach Mary Yori has never had a problem attracting pitching talent. Two all-Americans graced UNO's roster earlier in the decade — a title which may be passed to Denise Peterson this season.

The senior from Valley, Neb. has picked up where all-Americans Amy Pick and Amy Boyd left off in 1993. That season was the beginning of Peterson's UNO career, when she became the team's second baseman, waiting for her chance to lead the team on the mound.

"We knew she would pitch for us all along," Yori said. "She picked up some big wins for us late in her sophomore season. Last year as a junior, she really came around as a pitcher."

With 22 games completed through her senior season, Peterson has accounted for 11 wins and strung an ERA of 0.64 along the way. The Lady Mavs have claimed Division II's No. 3 spot since the first pitch was thrown a month ago.

Peterson's 11-1 record didn't come until knee rehabilitation, which claimed the later part of her off-season.

"I knew that this was my last year and I worked really hard in the off season. Especially with my knee," she said.

The pitcher was faced with knee problems that hampered her junior season and underwent surgery in the off-season.

"I think she started out slowly in January practices," Yori said. "She wasn't at full speed. The trainers said she would be okay all along, so that was what we went

on."

In one month, the team's focus changed from Peterson's physical status to how long she could go without losing a game. It took 11 opponents and a flight to Orlando, Fla. until she did. In the wake of UNO's 22-2 record, Peterson stood at 11-1 with one save.

"She has developed a couple of new pitches," Yori said. "Her change-up is a lot better than the last two years and her rise-ball has really improved, too."

The pitching dominance of Peterson is nothing new. Her sophomore campaign included 16 straight wins; she was an all-conference and all-region selection last season after posting an 18-8 record.

"I didn't have much confidence my sophomore year," she said. "Filling the Amy's positions (Pick and Boyd), would have been a tough job," Peterson said. "The pitchers that we have really stepped it up."

UNO's sea-level ERA of 0.98 and overall batting average of .299 will give the team a rolling start into their conference schedule Tuesday. Sophomore pitcher DeAnn Hanisch is the No. 2 starter for UNO and stands at 8-1 on the season. The Lady Mav hitting hasn't fallen off, either. A .299 team average is headed by DH Jeanne Howe who has a .423 batting average.

For Peterson, 1996 marks her final shot at a national championship and her final shot at all-American status.

"This is her best season," Yori said. "She's a force to be reckoned with."

Intramural Standings

FLAG FOOTBALL

Quad Squad	1-0
Soup Nazi's	1-0
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F.A.M.U.	1-0
Pavelka's Pals	0-0
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No "O"	0-1
Grapplers I	0-1
Grapplers II	0-1

SOFTBALL

<u>Co-Rec League</u>	
Drug Dealers	1-0
PEK	0-0
Zeta	0-0
Knight Riders	0-0
Our Team	0-1
<u>Fraternity League</u>	
TKE	1-0
Sig Eps	1-0
Pike A	1-0
Theta Chi	0-1
Lambda Chi	0-1
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<u>Men's League</u>	
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Zeta	0-0
Spikers	0-1
Mixed Nuts	0-1

Lady Mavs Look to Newcomers for Outdoor Track Success

By Tony Reinke

The Lady Mav track team will be looking to improve on last season's third place finish when the outdoor season begins April 6.

"Last season we finished six points away from second place in the conference," Head Track Coach Tim Hendricks said. "This season we're looking to take the second place slot."

In their path is nationally ranked North Dakota State. Despite the frigid elements in Fargo, N.D., the Bison are the No. 8 ranked outdoor team according to *College Sports* magazine.

One main force for the Lady Mavs will be the performance of sophomore Carri Butler, the returning NCC champion in the 200 and

400 meters. Hendricks also says to watch for the mile relay team, Elise Henry, Tina Ellis, Sandy Derby and Mahrya Drummer, to continue their dominance.

Last season's third place finish was UNO's best finish since 1984 but also saw the conclusion of three NCC champions' careers. Kim Osler, Sue DelCastillo and Linda Vondras concluded their outdoor careers last season with all-American finishes.

The Lady Mavs will first hear the gun at Northwest Missouri State (Maryville, Mo.) on April 6.

UNO hosts its only home meet on April 12-13.

Sideline

Burrell Repeats All-Academic Team

For the second year in a row, UNO basketball player Tim Burrell has been named to the all-NCC academic team. The junior computer science major from Englewood, Colo., held a 3.91 GPA.

Honorable mention honors went to UNO's Troy Kloewer and Andy Price.

Softball Game Rescheduled

The Lady Mav softball team will open conference play against the University of South Dakota in Omaha on Tuesday. The team was scheduled to play at Wayne State College, which has been rescheduled for Wednesday.

The softball team claims the No. 3 spot in the country.

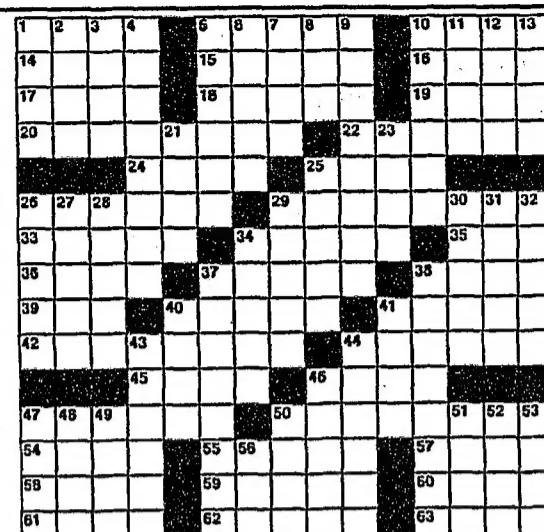
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Medical Students Urged To Not Take Part In Dog Experiments

By College Press Service

DENVER—The dog first is anesthetized. Then, its body is cut open so that medical students can observe how its beating heart and healthy kidneys will react when certain drugs are injected.

Once the procedure is over, the dog is too mutilated to be saved. Like a pair of used rubber gloves, the dog is thrown into a trash bag.

Though to some it may sound inhumane, the procedure is practiced by nearly two-thirds of the nation's 125 medical schools. At some schools, such as the University of Colorado, the "dog lab" is a required part of the curriculum—a fatal experiment that proponents call an important learning tool for students.

At least one group, the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, has expressed its outrage by taking out newspapers ads encouraging first-year UC medical students to skip the dog lab in their March physiology class.

"The ad points out that Colorado students have a choice and they should exercise that," said David Wasser, communications director for the Washington-based physicians group that promotes alternatives to animal experiments.

Last year, the UC medical school was forced to pay \$95,000 to Buddhist student Safia Rubaii, who said dog experiments were against her religion. As part of the settlement, the school agreed to change its policy, allowing students to opt out of the lab if they had similar objections.

The ad prepared by the physicians group says: "For the first time ever, students at the University of Colorado have a choice. We hope they use it. Personal ethics matter."

Wasser said the group objects to the dog lab because students can learn just as much about physiology through textbooks and computer simulations.

"They're not doing anything groundbreaking," Wasser said. Also, the alternatives are more cost-effective and can be repeated, he argues. "Unlike computer programs, dog labs are a one-shot event. If a student misses something, you can't revive the dog," he said.

The top medical schools—Harvard, Yale, Columbia and Stanford universities—have stopped dog labs, he said. The

Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine is targeting top-ranked Johns Hopkins University, which still requires it for first-year medical students.

Dr. Richard Krugman, dean of the UC medical school, said dog labs are an excellent teaching method and should not be discontinued simply because of the action of other schools.

"I do believe it is a fundamental right of our faculty to set its curriculum," he said. "Our faculty believe they're educationally important."

On course evaluations each year, "the overwhelming majority of our students have said the labs are wonderful," he said.

But while the new policy allows students with religious objections to opt out of the lab, those who object for other reasons, such as animal rights, still must take part in the dog lab, he added.

"As long as the faculty and students say this is good education," the dog labs will continue at the UC medical school, he said. "I can honestly say out of the last six years, there have been three students who really have felt strongly about it."

At the same time, Wasser said many students have called his office, praising the ad campaign. Not many med students, however, have planned to seek an alternative to the lab, he added.

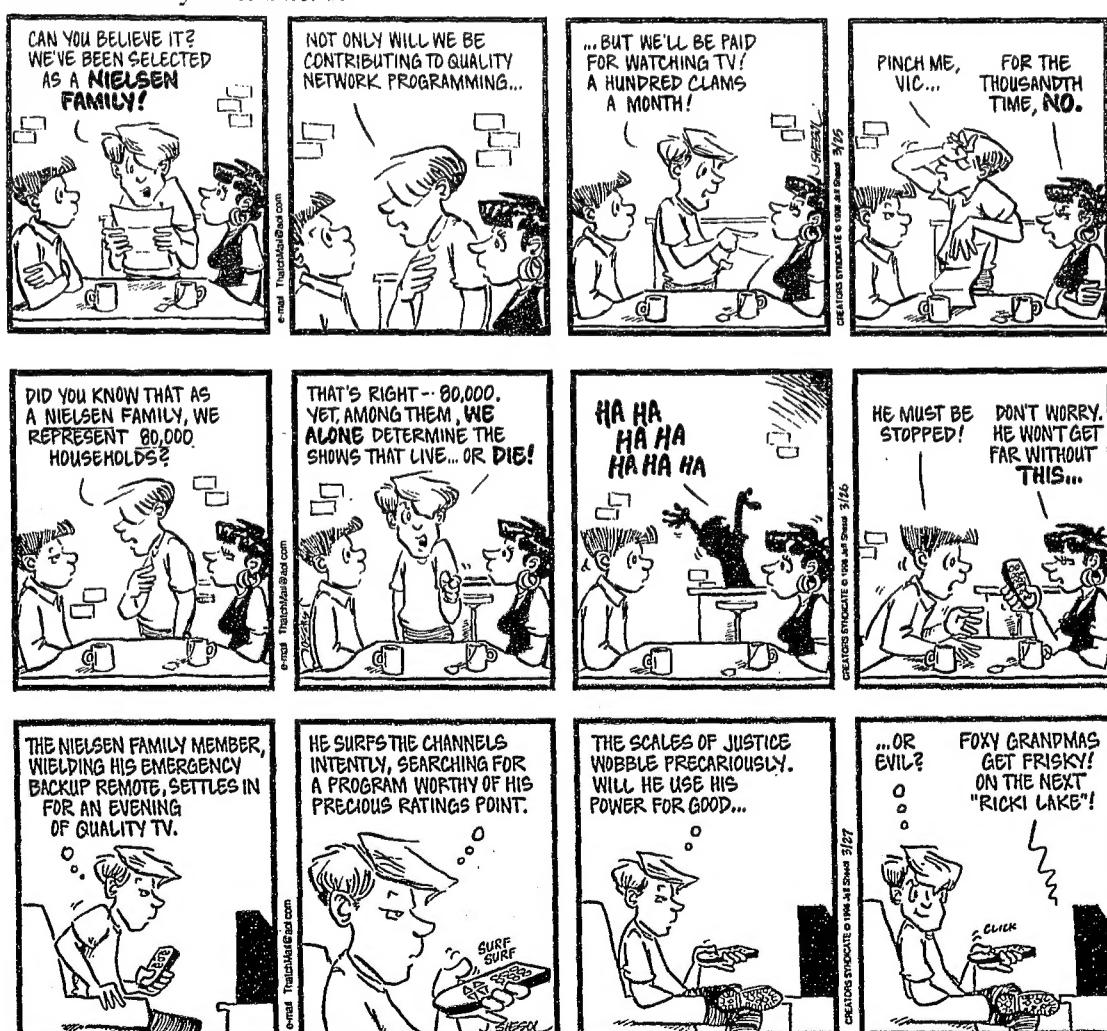
"Many students may not do so, for fear of reprisal from their teachers," he said.

Dr. Madeleine Jacobs, a 1984 graduate of the University of Colorado medical school, says she remembers the dog lab well.

"It was really a pretty traumatic experiment for me," recalls Jacobs, who practices family medicine outside of Colorado Springs. "I now feel that it is pretty unethical for the data you get out of it. It didn't really add to my education."

Although Jacobs said she has a great deal of respect for the UC teachers, she doesn't think they should force students to take the lab. "It is stressful, for quite a few of the students," she said. "If they don't feel comfortable with it, they shouldn't be doing it."

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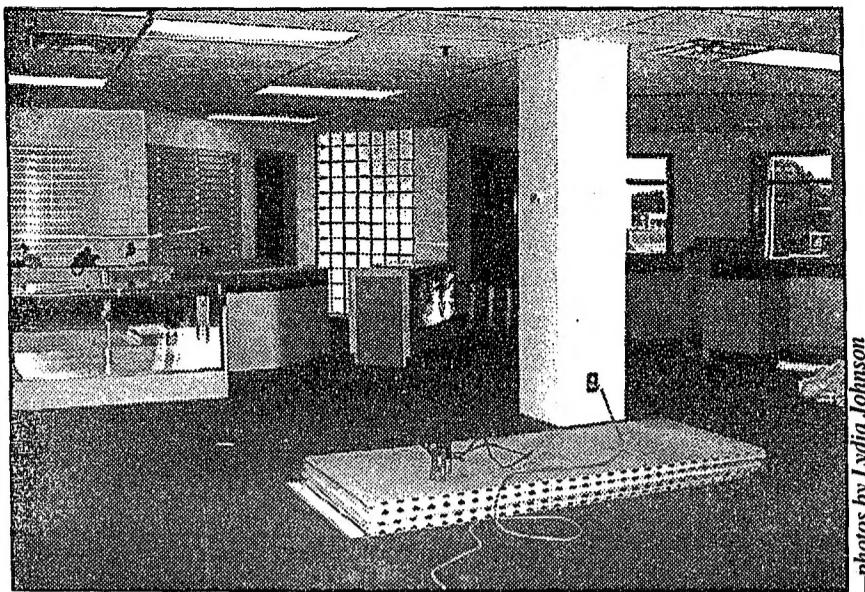
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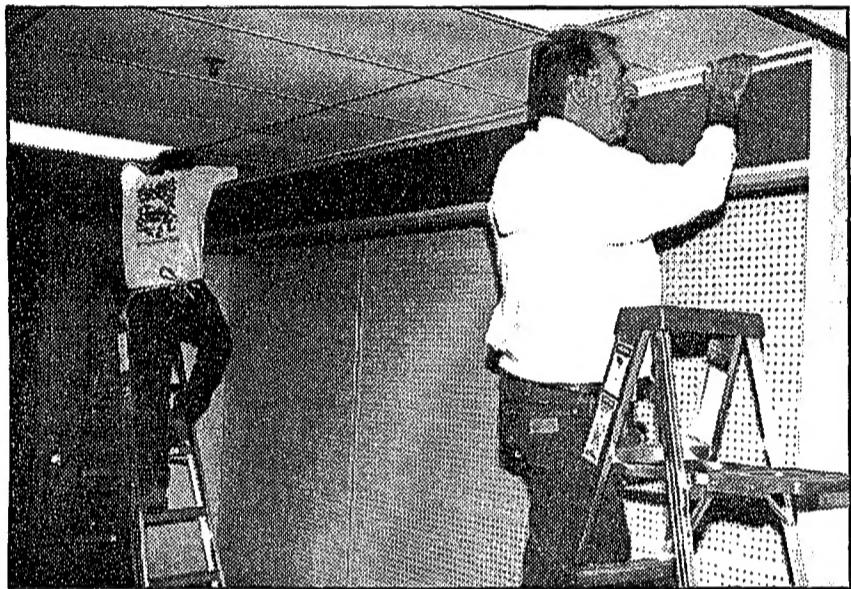
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trapeze act... You're not there for the applause."

He encouraged students to keep this in mind as they pursue their careers.

Among the issues of concern to Davis as he heads into the campaign are the cutting back of veteran's benefits and Medicare. He said he wants to "fight for those people who fought for our country" and that the contributions of the elderly during their lifetime should not be forgotten.

Davis said "mature, independent, and effective leadership" is needed, and Washington is in an "ideological paralysis."

"I'm a leader, not a follower," Davis said.

Currently, he said, we have a "do nothing Congress," noting the two government shutdowns and that Congress was on the brink of defaulting on the national debt for the first time in history.

When asked to compare himself to incumbent Jon Christensen, Davis said he is more of a pragmatist. His interest is in serving all the people of the community, not just the evangelical right. Davis called himself a conservative, but not right wing, he said.

"A Nebraska agenda" needs to be represented in Washington, he said. Long before the "Contract with America," Davis said, we had a contract with the citizens of this country in programs like social security.

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ries."

"It's possible to shop around for inexpensive grad schools," he added.

Earning potential weighed heavily on the mind of Christopher Serb when he chose to take out loans totaling \$24,000 to attend graduate journalism school at top-ranked Northwestern University.

Unlike Headrick and others in law or medicine, Serb expected to earn about \$18,000 to \$22,000 at his first job after graduate school. Although he considered attending an unranked journalism school at the public University of Illinois, he said, "I wouldn't have gotten a better education or as good a job."

Now an associate editor at a Chicago-based magazine, Serb earns \$22,500 and will begin paying off his loans in a few months. Does he regret borrowing so much?

"The jury is really still out," he said. "It was a tough choice. I don't regret it as far as what I learned."

He admits, however, that there are times when he worries about paying off the loans. "Right now . . . I'm a single man living at home," he said. "When my life starts to change in bits and pieces, I do worry about that. I'll probably have a family before I pay off my loan."

Serb said students might want to talk with parents, bosses and friends who are good at math before making the decision to borrow money. Also, "I would say first look real hard at your balance sheet before going into graduate school," he said. "If I had gone [in debt] over \$30,000, it wouldn't have been worth it."

Luce, the graduate student at Kansas, adds: "Papers and presentations will always get done. Loans simply do not go away for 10 to 20 years."

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